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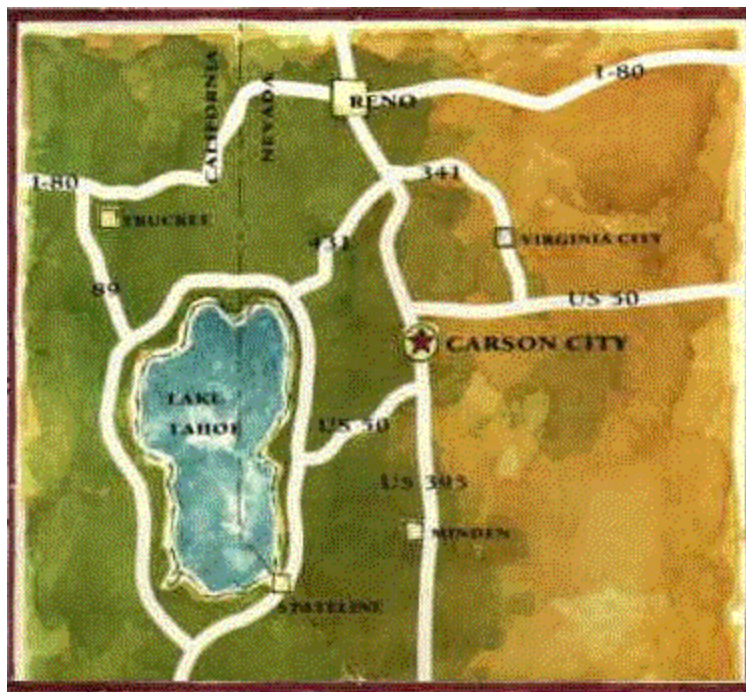
## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Carson City, Nevada

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#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Carson City**

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population: 40,443 (1990 census), 51,860 (1999 estimate)
- Race/Ethnicity: 93.2% White, 1.8% Black, 3.1% American Eskimo, Indian, or Aleut, 1.9% Asian or Pacific Islander, 10.3% Hispanic Origin (may be of any race)
- Percent of population below poverty level: 9.9% (1993)

### **Politics<sup>2</sup>**

- Mayor: Ray Masayko
- City Manager: John Berkich
- Sheriff: Rod Banister
- District Attorney: Noel S. Waters

### **Programs/Initiatives<sup>3</sup>**

- In FY 1999 ONDCP in conjunction with OJJDP awarded \$90,400 to the Community Council on Youth (CCOY) in Carson City, Nevada under the Drug-Free Community Support Program. The key elements of CCOY's drug abuse reduction and prevention strategy will be the provision of direct, coordinated youth/adult treatment and prevention services through community programs. Treatment services will be provided to youth, adults, and families through a coordinated and case managed system among alcohol/drug and mental health providers. Prevention and mentoring services will involve youth in productive activities and attempt to prevent substance abuse. Youth-oriented organizations/agencies involved in the project include the Nevada Hispanic Services, the Boys & Girls Club, the Family Resource Center, and the Children's Museum.

### **Crime and Drug-Related Crime<sup>4</sup>**

- The Crime Index Total in Carson City, Nevada fell from 1,930 in 1997 to 1,821 in 1998.

Number of Offenses Known to Police, Carson City 1997-98

Offense	1997	1998
Murder	-----	3
Forcible Rape	30	22
Robbery	25	16
Aggravated Assault	192	170
Burglary	361	357
Larceny-theft	1,210	1,170
Motor Vehicle Theft	112	83
Arson	-----	7
Crime Index Total	1,930	1,821

- Carson City employed 109 law enforcement personnel during 1998, 80 were sworn police officers and 29 were civilians.

### Juveniles<sup>5</sup>

- Many case referrals that are handled by the Carson City District Attorney Juvenile Division are not serious matters and are handled informally by the Juvenile Probation Facility (JPF) and DA staff, with oversight by the Juvenile Master of the First Judicial District Court. For example, in 1998 there were 2,897 offense referrals. A total of 941 individuals were referred (596 boys and 345 girls). There were 1,395 bookings into the detention facility, a figure that includes 316 minors who reside in neighboring counties. Juvenile Probation staff placed 443 minors on formal probation and 32 more on informal probation. Of these, 66 boys and 16 girls returned to court for violating the terms of their probation, some more than once. The number of alcohol and drug referrals has risen steadily from 1992 through 1998. The following table provides a six-year history for juvenile offense referrals:

Referrals by type	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Property offenses	455	515	444	408	438	465	503
Offenses against persons	164	158	191	181	220	246	265
Alcohol/drugs/victimless	368	326	446	535	532	550	565
Runaway, truancy, curfew, etc.	632	702	725	628	614	604	635
Traffic offenses	637	577	698	583	581	582	579
Probation/house arrest viol.	103	120	131	179	216	261	318
Family assistance requests	38	52	57	61	27	26	24
Home studies/other juris. refer.	16	13	11	23	31	18	8
Total Referrals	2,413	2,463	2,703	2,598	2,659	2,752	2,897

## Sources

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <http://www.census.gov>

<sup>2</sup> Carson City Web site: <http://www.carson-city.nv.us/index.html>

<sup>3</sup> ONDCP Web site: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov>

<sup>4</sup> Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States 1997-1998: Uniform Crime Reports*, November 1998, October 1999

<sup>5</sup> Carson City District Attorney's Office web site: <http://www.carson-city.nv.us/CCDA/index.html>

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